IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Activated carbon which is prepared from granular isotropic pitch, wherein, in a process of forming the granular pitch, a step in which spinnable pitch is spun into fibers is not performed.

2. (Original) The activated carbon according to Claim 1, wherein the granular isotropic pitch has an average particle diameter of 10 mm or less.

3. (Original) The activated carbon according to Claim l, which has a specific surface area of 100 to 4000 m^2/g.

4. (Original) The activated carbon according to Claim 1, wherein the total amount of surface functional groups is 2.5 meq/g or less.

5. (Original) The activated carbon according to Claim 1, wherein the half band width of a peak indicating the D band of amorphous carbon is 1 to 4 times larger than that of a peak indicating the D band of graphite carbon in Raman spectra.

Claims 6-29. (Withdrawn)

30. (Original) A polarizable electrode which is prepared by mixing the activated carbon of Claim 1 with at least a binder and an electroconductive filler.

31. (Original) The polarizable electrode according to Claim 30, which is a coat electrode prepared by applying a paste mixture containing the activated carbon to a surface.

32. (Original) The polarizable electrode according to Claim 30, which is a sheet electrode prepared by forming the mixture into a sheet.

33. (Original) The polarizable electrode according to Claim 30, which has an electrode density of 0.3 g/cm^3 or more.

34. (Original) The polarizable electrode according to Claim 31, which has an electrode density of 0.3 g/cm^3 or more.

35. (Original) The polarizable electrode according to Claim 32, which has an electrode density of 0.3 g/cm^3 or more.

36. (Original) An electric double layer capacitor ~~composed~~ consisting essentially of a pair of polarizable electrodes, a current collector set onto each of the polarizable electrodes, and an electrolyte solution, wherein at least one of the polarizable electrodes is the polarizable electrode according to Claim 30.

37. (Original) An electric double layer capacitor ~~composed~~ consisting essentially of a pair of polarizable electrodes, a current collector set onto each of the polarizable electrodes, and an electrolyte solution, wherein at least one of the polarizable electrodes is the polarizable electrode according to Claim 31.

38. (Original) An electric double layer capacitor ~~composed~~ consisting essentially of a pair of polarizable electrodes, a current collector set onto each of the polarizable electrodes, and an electrolyte solution, wherein at least one of the polarizable electrodes is the polarizable electrode according to Claim 32.

39. (Original) The electric double layer capacitor according to Claim 36, wherein the expansion ratio of the polarizable electrodes is 40% or less after charging and discharging.

40. (Original) The electric double layer capacitor according to Claim 37, wherein the expansion ratio of the polarizable electrodes is 40% or less after charging and discharging.

41. (Original) The electric double layer capacitor according to Claim 38, wherein the expansion ratio of the polarizable electrodes is 40% or less after charging and discharging.

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42. (New) The activated carbon according to Claim 2, wherein the average particle diameter is 400 μm or less.

43. (New) The activated carbon according to Claim 42, wherein said average particle diameter is 20 μm or less.

44. (New) The activated carbon according to Claim 3, wherein said specific surface area ranges from 100-2500 m^2/g.